



UNITED STATES PACIFIC COMMAND STRATEGIC GUIDANCE



Mission

U.S. Pacific Command (USPACOM), together with other U.S. Government agencies, protects and defends the United States, its territories, Allies, and interests; alongside Allies and partners, promotes regional security and deters aggression; and, if deterrence fails, is prepared to respond to the full spectrum of military contingencies to restore Asia-Pacific stability and security.

Commander's Intent

- 1. Purpose.** To protect and defend the United States, its territories and interests; to promote regional security and deter aggression; and to be prepared to respond to the full spectrum of military contingencies.
- 2. Method.**
 - i. Synchronize USPACOM actions across the U.S. Government, associated Combatant Commands, regional Allies, and partners.
 - ii. Through continual forward presence enabled by an adaptive regional military posture and enhanced by synergy with capable partners, maintain security of the regional commons.
 - iii. Provide conventional and strategic military capabilities for extended deterrence of aggression against the United States, its territories, Allies, and interests.
 - iv. Maintain ready forces and plan, train, and exercise to accomplish the full range of military contingencies.
 - v. In particular, concentrate on five Focus Areas: Allies and Partners, China, India, North Korea, and Transnational Threats.
- 3. End State.** The United States, its territories, and interests are protected; and the Asia-Pacific region is stable and secure.

Focus Areas

- 1. Strengthen and Advance Alliances and Partnerships**
 - i. Strengthen existing Alliances and leverage them to shape the environment for building multilateral relationships and a more effective presence.
 - ii. Enhance Alliances and partnerships to build capacity over the full spectrum of military activities.
 - iii. Promote military professionalism and enhance interoperability among Allies and partners to build trust and increase multilateral effectiveness.
- 2. Mature the U.S.-China Military-to-Military Relationship**

- i. Sustain a consistent military-to-military relationship to prevent miscommunication and miscalculation.
 - ii. Pursue opportunities for increased military cooperation in areas of mutual interest.
 - iii. Monitor China's military modernization program and prepare accordingly.
- 3. Develop the U.S.-India Strategic Partnership**
- i. Deepen military-to-military interaction and interoperability.
 - ii. Encourage military-to-civilian relationships to counter common threats.
 - iii. Support India's evolution as a leading and stabilizing force in South Asia.
- 4. Remain Prepared to Respond to Korean Peninsula Contingency**
- i. Leverage multilateral engagement to address North Korea challenges, ensure stability in Northeast Asia, and support international diplomatic efforts.
 - ii. Anticipate the military implications of dynamic changes on the Korean Peninsula.
 - iii. Stand with Allies to deter aggression, and if necessary, defeat aggression.
- 5. Counter Transnational Threats**
- i. Work with Allies and partners to build capacity and share information to counter violent extremism, transnational crime, and proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.
 - ii. Disrupt violent extremist organization networks and defeat the threats they pose.
 - iii. Partner with other nations to counter the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and associated technologies.

Guiding Principles

- 1. Lead Credibly.** USPACOM leaders will demonstrate leadership rooted in service and strength, trust and partnership, and commitment to people and their quality of life. USPACOM will remain committed to sustaining a credible leadership role in the region.
- 2. Focus Strategically.** USPACOM will focus on the strategic level of leadership, engagement, planning, and warfighting. Our strategic behavior will be shaped and informed by an analysis and assessment effort that seeks to understand fully the complex and dynamic Asia-Pacific security environment by concentrating on the five Focus Areas.
- 3. Enable the Warfighter.** USPACOM will ensure the warfighter is enabled to lead, plan, and execute successfully at the operational level; and will support the warfighter by providing capstone guidance, facilitating decision-making processes, and enabling effective command and control.

4. **Ensure Joint and Combined Capability.** USPACOM will remain committed to exercising, testing, and maturing joint and combined warfighting skills, to enhancing interoperability and collective ability to address shared challenges, and to developing the trust-based relationships upon which warfighting effectiveness and regional security depend.
5. **Align with U.S. Government Agencies.** USPACOM will emphasize interagency alignment, especially within the Department of Defense and with the Department of State, and will support whole-of-government approaches to regional challenges and opportunities.

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